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SUBJECT: IPP-MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS IN THE THAI BOAT CASE CAMPS

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1. DURING THE FEBRUARY 28TH MEETING AT THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR DESCRIBED IN BANGKOK 6297, THAI OFFICIALS ASKED WHETHER THE TWO BOAT CASE CAMPS AT LAEM SING AND SONGKHLA COULD IN EFFECT BECOME TRANSIT CENTERS. THE OBJECTIVE WAS TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT A REFUGEE WOULD HAVE TO SPEND AT THE TRANSIT CENTERS IN BANGKOK. SINCE THE PRINCIPAL DELAY IN BANGKOK STEMS FROM MEDICAL HOLDS FOLLOWING MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS IN BANGKOK, WE ASKED ICEM TO LOOK INTO THE FEASIBILITY OF MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS IN THE TWO BOAT CAMPS.

2. THE ICEM DOCTOR, AFTER VISITING BOTH SITES AND MAKING LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS, INFORMED US MARCH 20 THAT THE WAY HAD BEEN CLEARED AT BOTH LOCATIONS TO BEGIN MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS ON THE SPOT. HE HAS ALREADY INFORMED ICEM GENEVA THAT HE WILL BE HIRING TWO ADDITIONAL NURSES AND TWO ADDITIONAL CLERKS TO COVER THIS FUNCTION. HE ASKED THAT WE INFORM THE DEPARTMENT ABOUT THIS INCREASED ICEM EXPENDITURE.

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3. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS NEW SYSTEM OF EXAMINING BOAT REFUGEES IN THE PROVINCES WHERE THEY ARE CURRENTLY LOCATED WILL GREATLY SPEED UP PROCESSING THROUGH BANGKOK, AND REDUCE SOME OF THE RTG DISCONTENT ABOUT OUR OPERATING PROCEDURES.
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